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Non-Profit Organization, the WPI Firefighters' Fund, Provides \$10,000 Grant to Firefighter Seriously Injured in Hit-and-Run

Fort Worth, Texas - September 1, 2010—Investigators are still looking for the driver who hit volunteer firefighter, Patrick Hinds, leaving him seriously injured with 17 cracked ribs, multiple breaks in both legs, and internal bleeding. After learning of the incident, the WPI Firefighters' Fund, a Fort Worth, Texas based non-profit organization, made a grant to Hinds for \$10,000. The grant is intended to help with Hinds' medical expenses.

It was the last week in June of 2010 when 56-year old Hinds and Captain Gary Gregory were called to extinguish an S.U.V. fire in Alpaugh, California. While putting out the car fire, according to Gregory, a white truck came out of nowhere and struck Hinds head on. Hinds, a 35-year veteran of the Tulare County Fire Department, remains in serious condition at Community Regional Medical Center.



Along with the WPI Firefighters' Fund, the people of Tulare County have pulled together and organized a car wash fundraiser to help in his recovery. "I would want to do anything I could to help my brother. Because that's what he is. Pat Hinds is my brother. He's everyone's brother," said resident Keenan Reveles.

To learn more about the WPI Firefighters' Fund mission, grant recipients, and annual Chili Cook-Off fundraiser, visit www.wpiff.org or [facebook.com/WPIFF](https://www.facebook.com/WPIFF).

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